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§8–710.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) “Change in the per pupil amount” means the change in the per pupil foundation amount from the prior fiscal year to the current fiscal year divided by the per pupil foundation amount from the prior fiscal year.

(3) “Per pupil allocation” means the per pupil figure calculated each fiscal year under subsection (c) of this section to cover the transportation, boarding, and administrative costs of a program.

(4) “Per pupil foundation amount” means the figure calculated for each fiscal year by the Department in accordance with § 5–202 of this article.

(b) In addition to the funds disbursed in accordance with § 8–709 of this subtitle, the Governor shall include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of funds to the Department in accordance with this section to cover the transportation, boarding, and administrative costs of a program.

(c) (1) Subject to paragraph (4) of this subsection, for fiscal year 2009 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Governor shall include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of at least \$2,000,000 to the Department in order for a program to serve up to 80 students.

(2) For each additional 10 students enrolled in a program, as reported by the Department, the Governor shall include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of an additional \$250,000.

(3) For fiscal year 2014 and each fiscal year thereafter, for each student enrolled in a program, as reported by the Department, the Governor shall include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of an additional amount that is at least equal to the prior year per pupil amount multiplied by the change in the per pupil amount plus one.

(4) The total amount of funds included in the annual budget bill under this subsection may not exceed an amount adequate to fund the per pupil allocation for 400 students for any fiscal year.

(d) This section may not be construed to prohibit a program from receiving funds from private, federal, or other sources.

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